MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

- 4. (Amended) Process according to [any one of claims 1-3] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the water, which is poor in solids, is discharged from the upper part of the second vessel at a position way from the outlet opening of the first conduit entering the second vessel.
- 6. (Amended) Process according to [any one of claims 1-5] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein the ratio of volume of water, which is extracted from the second vessel, relative to the volume of solid slag particles being transported to the second vessel in the same time period is between <u>about 0.7</u> and 1.5.
 - 9. (Amended) Process according to [any one of claims 1-8] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein frrsh water is supplied to the second vessel during step (d) and/or (e) resulting in that the second vessel contains fresh water before step (b) is performed.
 - 10. (Amended) Process according to [any one of claims 1-9] <u>claim 1</u>, wherein water poor in slag is discharged from the first vessel.

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